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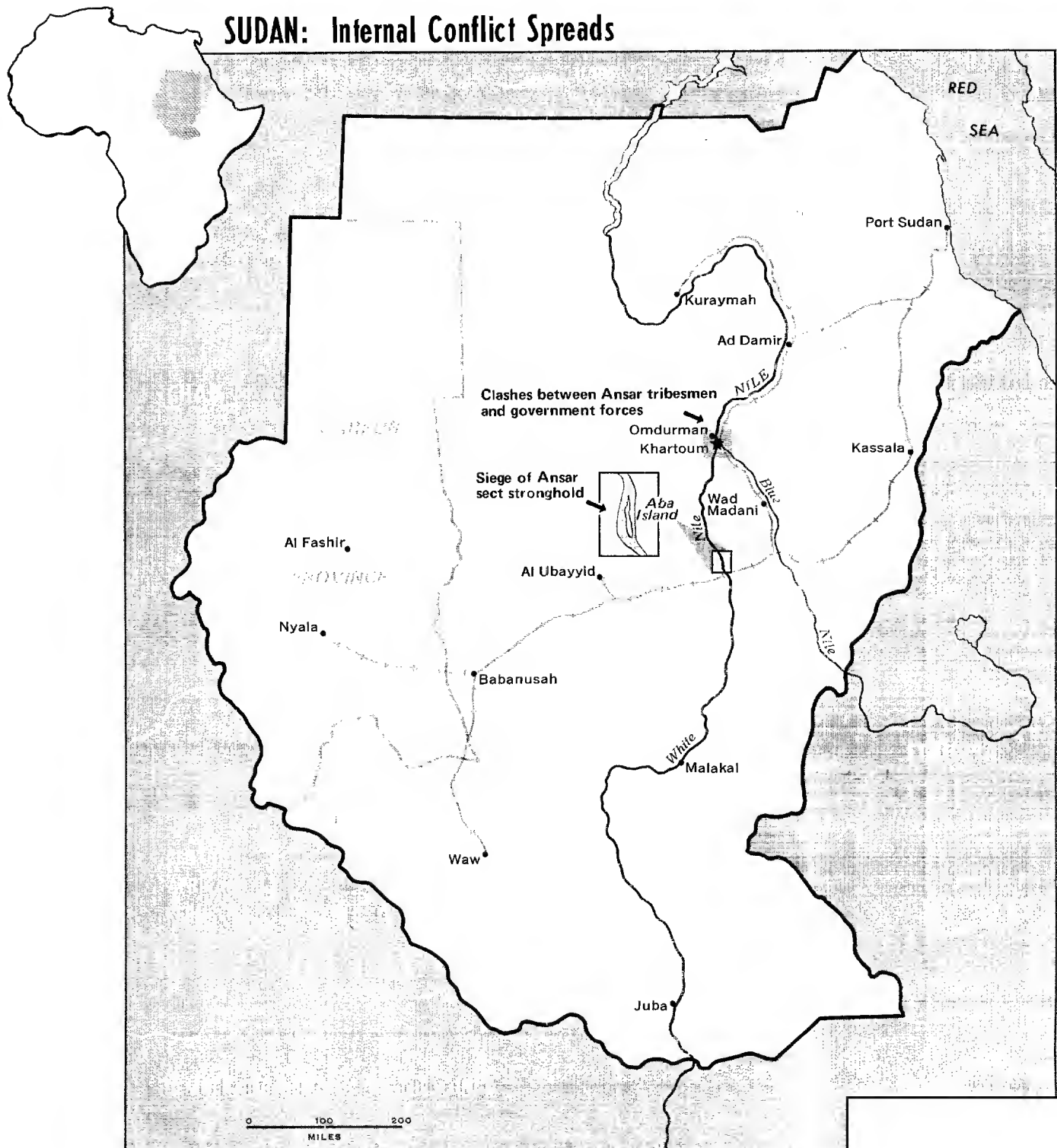
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## SUDAN: Internal Conflict Spreads



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Sudan: The widening conflict with the Ansar sect is presenting the Numayri regime with an increasingly severe test.

While the Ansar Imam and his followers on their tribal redoubt on Aba Island are still holding out against army units, fighting has erupted in the Khartoum-Omdurman area. In one incident near their mosque in the vicinity of Omdurman, Ansars put up a stiff fight, setting fire to army vehicles with molotov cocktails and decapitating some government troops. Reinforced army units were able to subdue the Imam's supporters only after eight hours of heavy fighting.

This sharp resistance may spur Ansar sympathizers concentrated in central and western Sudan to move against local army units. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a tribal chieftain in Darfur Province has already seized 17 or 18 army officers and that Khartoum's authority has yet to be reasserted in the area.

The Numayri regime is still pondering its next move against Aba Island. While tanks and fighter aircraft are now available for an attack, Khartoum's assessment of the cost of taking the stronghold has apparently forestalled decisive action. Numayri's latest public statement on the situation merely threatened the Imam with force if "warnings went unheeded."

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